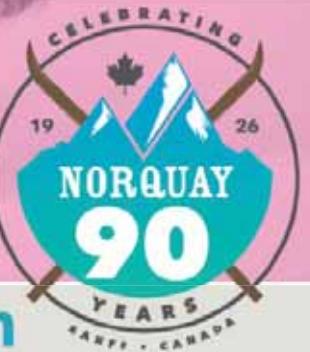


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## Parents plead for bike's return

CRIME

**Couple's dead son's custom BMX stolen on long weekend**

**Jeremy Nolais**  
Metro | Calgary

For eight weeks last spring, Bryce Eyjolfson devoted his Monday nights to crafting a prized two-wheeler as part of a city-run youth program.

When it was complete, the red BMX-style ride, complete with customized stunt bar, was, by all accounts, a beauty.

"He built the bike right from the ground up," father Malcolm Eyjolfson fondly recalled. "It was very important to him."

For him and Bryce's mother Kerri Workman, the bike turned into a treasured keepsake when the youngster died last October.

Bryce, 11, had been alone at the time and is believed to have been playing the dangerous "choking game."



**Malcolm Eyjolfson and Kerri Workman with a photo of their son Bryce — who died in October — and his BMX bike, which he built by hand. Over the weekend the bike was stolen and his parents are pleading for it to be returned.** JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

The activity has been known to adolescents for decades but gained a great deal of media attention last year after being linked to a series of deaths in

North America. The goal is to asphyxiate a friend or yourself just long enough to feel a quick, euphoric rush. But those cutting off their airways for too long can

pass out, be left with irreversible brain damage or even die.

Workman had never heard of the so-called game until police arrived at the doorstep to inform

her that her son was gone.

In the months following, the bike served as a symbol of happier times and Bryce's parents stored it in their Dover-area shed.

Over the weekend, however, someone broke into the shed, located in the 2800 block of 46 Street SE, and took Bryce's bike.

"It really has a big impact on us," Workman said. "I was in tears last night."

Friends and family alike have taken to social media to share word of the missing bike and a photo of Bryce with it. The same officer who informed Bryce's parents of their son's death also took it upon himself to go door to door for hours on Monday.

"I think a lot of kids' bikes go missing in Calgary, but this was Bryce's and the police have been so good with us," she said. "It was awful nice of them to go around."

Although he's devastated the bike was taken, Malcolm said the community's show of support has given him hope it will turn up.

"We were actually going to give it away to a kid who's less fortunate and now we can't," he said.

Malcolm said he just wants the bike returned — no questions asked — and had a simple message for the thief: "Just do the right thing and bring it back."

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## IN BRIEF

**Highway 93 restrictions in place to protect wildlife**  
Travellers down Highway 93 en route to Radium will be facing some traffic changes.

With bears emerging from hibernation to feed, an 11-kilometre stretch of the road near Olive Lake has been labeled a no-stopping area to protect wildlife and people passing through. Parks Canada noted that the temporary change will allow black bears and grizzlies to feed without being disturbed.

Parks Canada and local RCMP will patrol the area regularly to ensure people are not feeding the wildlife or stopping nearby.

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### Female teenager gets life in prison for fatal stabbing

A woman who stabbed a man to death at a Calgary house party two years ago, when she was 17, has been sentenced as an adult.

Brett Wiese, who was 20, died after being stabbed in the back outside a home on Jan. 12, 2013.

Police said violence erupted when several uninvited partygoers who had been ejected from the house later returned.

The judge ruled that the teen, who was found guilty of second-degree murder in Wiese's death, would be sentenced as an adult.

Jazlyn Radke, now 19, was sentenced to life in prison without any chance of parole for seven years.

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# App helps you find your field of dreams

## TECHNOLOGY

### Calgary duo develops tool to locate ideal spot to swing



**Helen Pike**  
Metro | Calgary

With more than 60 tennis courts, a dozen athletic parks and many more free City of Calgary facilities at residents' doorsteps, it's no surprise finding a field can sometimes feel like finding a needle in a haystack.

That's where Sportsity comes in. It's a Calgary-based app using the city's open data to map out sports fields.

It started with a crowded tennis court. Bilal Karim, one of the developers, couldn't seem to find a spot to practise his swing. So, seven months ago, he and his friend Rustam Kamberov began developing a tool for Calgarians to help locate courts and other sports facilities around town.

"It grew into more than just tennis and more than just viewing locations," said Karim. "It's built using open data. We've also open-sourced the codes. It's free; we just want people to use it, and hopefully it will be a part of their lives this



**Rustam Kamberov, left, and Bilal Karim stand on the Hillhurst-Sunnyside baseball diamond, one of the many facilities featured on their app Sportsity.** JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

season."

Karim said the app incorporates a rating system and even allows users to link up with Google Maps to find directions to their favourite diamond, field or court.

Caitlin Young, who plays softball for the Calgary Red Sox, said the app could be pretty useful for those hunting down a specific diamond.

"For minor leagues, and people who have to find a dia-

mond based on a code from the city, I think this would be beneficial," said Young. "Parents driving all around town trying to find out which specific diamond their kid is playing on, I think this could definitely be beneficial for them."

She added it would be great to see how the rating system plays out, as some fields can be weed-filled or under-utilized.

In the future, Karim hopes to partner with the city to in-

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tegrate more features into the app, including some winter-sports features as well as bookings and field availability.

## COURT

### Garland hearing begins

The man accused of killing a little boy and his grandparents nearly a year ago frantically scribbled notes and watched intensely as his preliminary hearing began Tuesday in Calgary.

Douglas Garland was arrested last year following the disappearance of Alvin and Kathy Liknes and five-year-old Nathan O'Brien.

Dozens of friends and family members of the three victims packed the courtroom. Many sat staring at the accused.

Garland, 55, averted his eyes from the public gallery and focused on the witnesses who were called to testify.

A publication ban is in place on all evidence presented during the hearing, which is being held to determine if the case should go to trial.

The hearing is scheduled for two weeks.

Garland faces two counts of first-degree murder and one of second-degree murder, although the bodies of the three family members have not been found.

Nathan had been sleeping over with his grandparents last June, after they held an estate sale at their Calgary home in advance of a move to Edmonton and then Mexico.

When his mother arrived to pick up Nathan the next morning, no one was home.

Police have said there was evidence of a violent encounter in the house but have not disclosed a motive.

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# Funding 'mystery' fuels fears for home-schoolers

## EDUCATION

**Direction NDP government will take is a big unknown**

**Jeremy Nolais**  
Metro | Calgary

Parents opting to teach their kids from the comfort of their own homes say a lack of provincial funding could hit them hard in the pocketbook and potentially turn more families back to the traditional classroom setting.

Alberta's initial 2015 education budget from the ousted Tory government had been hit by a wave of criticism in recent weeks after 19 public and Catholic school boards banded together to advocate for funding to counter expected growth to the tune of 12,000 students this fall.

The newly elected NDP, however, has pledged to fund incoming students, but it remains to be seen how quickly the extra dollars will flow.

Paul van den Bosch, president of the Alberta Home Education Association, said nearly 10,000 students in the province are taught at home by their own parents.

He said, unlike the school boards, home-schoolers rely on the provincial per-student

grant and their own bank accounts to fund their child's learning.

"Does this (budget) mean that those who are funded today will get funded next year? Which means new families get zip," said van den Bosch, who lives in Red Deer and chose to home school all seven of his kids. "Or, is there going to be less per student?"

Alberta is one of the only jurisdictions in Canada to provide any public funds to home-schoolers, but proponents maintain that, even then, their brand of education is a steal of a deal and eases the burden off already-squeezed classrooms in some areas.

The province provides \$1,600 per home-schooled child, but those funds are

first distributed to an administrator — either a traditional school board or independent contractor group — that can keep up to half to cover logistical costs.

There are other forms of home-schooling, including a "blended" approach that sees students spend half their time in the classroom and half at home. When those students are added in, the total home-schooled population in Alberta surges to more than 20,000, van den Bosch said.

The Calgary Board of Education does offer a range of home-schooling programs and confirmed in an email that "no funding for (student) growth

**If they (the province) provide private schools with funding, which they do, then why not us?**

Annabelle Sotvedt



Home-schooler Annabelle Sotvedt is seen with her kids, Katharyn and Kyle, in this photo taken in the family's home last year. METRO FILE

also includes no funding for more home-school students."

The public board offers its home-schooling through its online school program, known as CBe-Learn. But that branch of the organization will be reviewed over the next year, the board said in an email.

"At this point in the process, it's too early to tell what impact, if any, will be felt by this specific program once the review is completed," the board said.

Calgary mother Annabelle Sotvedt, meanwhile arran-

ges her home-school funding through a group called Wisdom. She said in an interview, however, there are "rumours and supposition" that the province may strip away funding altogether for home-schooling.

"If they (the province) provide private schools with funding, which they do, then why not us?" she said, later adding, "There's a lot of mystery as to what exactly the province intends."

The NDP has not made its current position on private schools and independent edu-

cators clear, but some party members have spoken out against the funding provided in the past.

Van den Bosch said his association has no problem with playing a part in helping to cut costs in tough fiscal times. He said, however, that the cost of home-schooling is already two or three times what the province provides and fears having even less support going forward.

"We hope that the government will be more creative in how it belt tightens," he said.

## COMMUNITY

**Red Mile action a success: Police**

**Anna Brooks**  
Metro | Calgary

Despite ending a little too soon, Calgary police have dubbed the Red Mile revelry during the Flames' 2015 playoff run a huge success.

Supt. Ray Robitaille of CPS said initially police had circulated the idea of not having a Red Mile at all after the riotous spontaneity seen in 2004.

But between the respectful attitudes of Calgary Flames fans and the help of public safety partners in the city, Robitaille said the Red Mile event was a victory for everyone.

"Without everyone's co-operation, we couldn't have successfully managed this large-scale event," Robitaille said. "In terms of actual criminal investigations, we had 13 in total over 11 games ... with the number of people we were seeing down there, that's not a significant number."

Six of the nine arrests spanning the Flames playoff run happened after Game 6, and ranged from public urination to media harassment. Robitaille added that public consumption of alcohol by far posed the biggest problem for police, who conducted more than 130 pour-outs and issued almost 150 warnings to Red Milers.

Robitaille said Game 6 was also when crowds were at their peak (around 12,000), with the highest concentration of people near 17th Avenue and 5 Street SW. Police noted several weeks back that they anticipated crowds to skyrocket up to 80,000 if the Flames made it all the way to the Stanley Cup finals.

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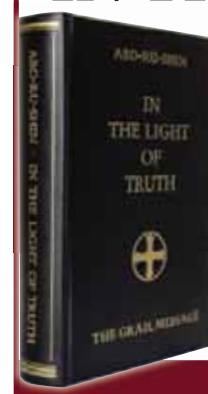
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# City launches new online map 'gallery'

## WEBSITE

**Beta test part of Calgary's data strategy**

**Robson Fletcher**  
Metro | Calgary

Calgary is starting to showcase a host of data that was previously kept in the darker corners of its website through a new online "gallery" of maps.

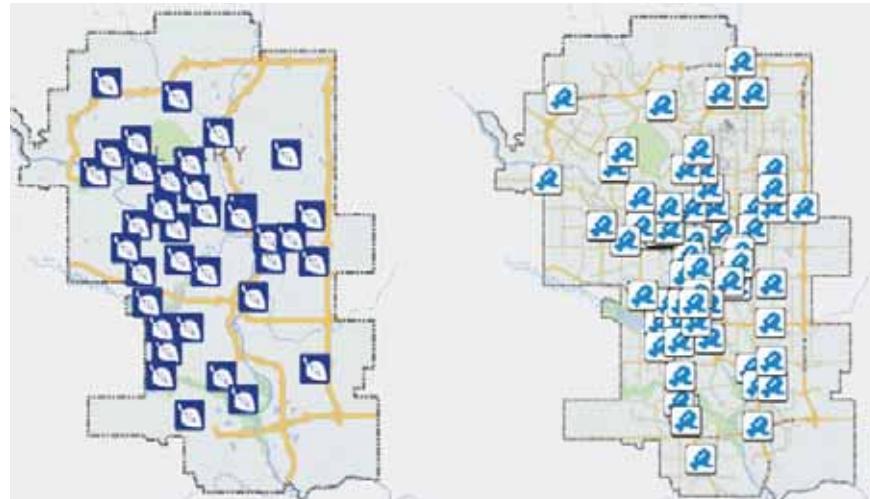
Many of the maps reflect real-time updates, giving users the chance to see, for example, what travel conditions look like on any of the city's dozens of traffic cameras.

Information on assessments and development permits is also available, so you can look up what your neighbour's house is worth or what that construction project up the street is all about.

Most of this data has been available online for years, said Bruce Cullen, the city's director of infrastructure and information services; what's new is the way it's being presented.

Instead of a single map with a bunch of drop-down menus and layers that can be added or removed, Cullen said the city is now offering up the data in a more user-friendly way through a "gallery" of maps, organized by theme.

"We did some research with the University of Calgary on



**These are two examples of the interactive maps: At left are tree and pumpkin drop-off locations, at right are clickable traffic cameras that reveal real-time images from city streets.**

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**Ultimately, we want to get more and more data online.**

Walter Simbirski

usability," Cullen said. "Then what we did is come up with these themed maps."

Themes include "Animals and Pets" and "Transportation and Roads" and "Public Safety." Individual maps within each category show off a host of information at a glance, and users have

the ability to click through for more details.

"It kind of acts as a gateway," Cullen said. "You can enter through the map and then we have links to other information on Calgary.ca"

The interface is also mobile-friendly so the maps can be used on Android, iOS and BlackBerry handheld devices, Cullen said. But he cautioned that it's still in a beta-testing phase.

The city encourages feedback from users and expects to tweak and then fully launch and promote the map galleries this summer.

Cullen said it's all part of the city's new digital strategy and a move toward open data.

Walter Simbirski, an open data strategist, said there are a few hurdles when it comes to cost and logistics but the city is looking to continue putting as much information out there as quickly as possible.

"Internally the city owns all of the data, as a group; but ultimately taxpayers are paying for it so unless it has privacy-related information in it, basically it belongs to the citizens," he said.

"Ultimately, we want to get more and more data online."

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Banff seemed to be the epicentre for speeders over the May long weekend with officers doling out more than 1,000 tickets in just four days.

Sgt. Darrin Turnbull said the Integrated Traffic Unit in Banff was operating at full capacity to deal with the number of impaired, distracted and speeding drivers on the roads over the weekend.

"People know speeding increases the risk of a fatal collision and that seat belts and child safety seats save lives," Turnbull said. "What they don't seem to get is that they could get caught, or worse, that a crash could happen to them."

The number of tickets doled out in Banff comprised almost a quarter of the 4,500 traffic violations across the entire province over the weekend. Most tickets issued involved speeding violations, with the rest including a combination of impaired driving, distracted driving, and failure

**Alberta police forces issued 4,500 tickets for traffic violations over the May long weekend.**

to wear a seatbelt.

While the number of distracted driving and failure to use seatbelt tickets were down from last year, 2015 saw increases in both impaired driving and speeding over last year.

One driver was even caught twice in the same day — once near Airdrie, then again near Strathmore — for speeding 30 km/h over the limit.

With an increased number of patrollers out over the weekend, Alberta's Integrated Traffic Units are continuing to focus on reducing unsafe driving behaviour as part of Canada Road Safety Week.

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## EMERGENCY

## Serious injuries after car crashes into pole

A female driver was rushed to hospital early Tuesday with potentially life-threatening injuries after her vehicle collided with a street light at the intersection of McKnight Blvd and Barlow Trail NE.

Emergency crews responded to the crash at around 12:30 a.m. Tuesday. Upon arrival, they found a vehicle that had

caught fire and a female driver, believed to be in her 20s, was trapped inside. Calgary police and fire departments extinguished the fire and were able to pull the woman from the vehicle. She was immediately sent off to the Foothills Medical Centre with serious, possibly internal, injuries, according to EMS. METRO

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POST-ELECTION LAWSUIT

## PCs say Don Martin did damage to himself



**Ryan  
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The Progressive Conservatives say any damage a former candidate received to his reputation was his own doing and not a result of their decision to disqualify him.

Don Martin, who attempted to run for the party in the Edmonton-Decore riding in the

last election, sued the party for defamation after he was disqualified. In the suit, filed just before the election, Martin claimed he was unfairly disqualified and the party's decision had done considerable damage to his reputation.

In their statement of defence, filed May 4, the party and its former executive director, Kelley Charlebois, claim they prefer to "discreetly" tell candidates that they have been disqualified, but

can't control what candidates do with that information.

"On occasion for reasons of their own, disqualified candidates occasionally choose on their own to make their disqualifications public. That was the case here," reads the statement.

The party also claims they disqualified Martin for interfering in the Edmonton-Meadowlark nomination race and that he was fully aware of why he

was being pushed out.

Martin previously told Metro he approached a candidate about leaving the race and had preliminary discussions about finding ways to cover the candidate's expenses, but denies doing anything more.

The party is seeking to have Martin's \$124,000 suit dismissed with costs. Neither the allegations in Martin's claim nor the statement of defence have been proven in court.



**Former Edmonton-Ellerslie PC MLA Naresh Bhardwaj.**  
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## Sidhu stands his ground in \$1m lawsuit

### DEFAMATION

**Defendant says bribe offered in driveway**



**Jeremy  
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man and offered him \$10,000 to sign a pre-drafted affidavit claiming he hadn't signed Manhas' nomination papers.

Sidhu claims Bhardwaj had a copy of Manhas' papers despite him believing that such documentation is generally kept private.

"When Mr. Sidhu indicated he was not interested, Mr. Bhardwaj suggested that he could offer a vacation package for his family to travel to India," the statement of defence reads. "In the further alternative, Mr. Bhardwaj suggested that (associate Sukhjeevan Chahal) had connections in India whereby he could arrange for the payment to be made in that country."

None of the allegations has been proven in court.

Sidhu did confirm the original statutory declaration's validity to Metro when the story was first reported in March. He claims, however, he wasn't responsible for the document surfacing and declined to respond to other media inquiries.

Bhardwaj stepped aside from the Ellerslie contest and the PC party lost the seat to the NDP in the May 5 election.

**When Mr. Sidhu indicated he was not interested, Mr. Bhardwaj suggested that he could offer a vacation package for his family to travel to India.** Statement of defence

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# Installation in full Bloom

## URBAN PLANNING

**Massive public art piece revealed for St. Patrick's Island**

 **Anna Brooks**  
Metro | Calgary

After two years of planning and designing, Calgary Municipal Land Corporation (CMLC) has unveiled the 24-metre-tall public art installation that will occupy the northern tip of St. Patrick's Island.

Canadian artist Michel de Broin has titled his piece Bloom, and it's an impressive web of custom-made street lights jutting out in all directions from a central core. The installation, weighing in at 7.5 tonnes, will vastly change the experience of park patrons, de Broin said.

"It's like the seeds from the city landed on the island and bloomed — the lights behave like natural elements in the landscape," he said.



**Canadian artist Michel de Broin has been working on his installation Bloom for two years.**

ANNA BROOKS/METRO

"The piece ends up being appropriated by the public, so it starts to have its own life that completely exceeds my intention."

Susan Veres, vice-president of marketing and communications for CMLC, said art is a crucial part of the park's infrastructure and will re-

vamp public perceptions around the East Village area.

"We chose this piece because of the way it respected the island and also paid hom-

**“It’s like the seeds from the city landed on the island and bloomed — the lights behave like natural elements in the landscape.”**

Michel de Broin

age to the city centre," Veres said. "It's a very light touch on the island, it's functional ... this is a way we can implement change and attract residents to the area."

The installation of Bloom is aiming to be completed by mid-July, and Veres said Bloom will be accessible when the public park opens. With construction crews on schedule, Veres said the tentative opening date for the long-awaited St. Patrick's Island is Aug. 1.

Bloom is a \$500,000 piece of the \$45-million project to redevelop the 31-acre expanse of island in southeast Calgary.

## IN BRIEF

### Judge considers granting bail to convicted murderer

A woman convicted of murdering a Medicine Hat man will learn whether she will get out on bail. Connie Oakes was convicted two years ago in the death of Casey Armstrong, who was found stabbed in his Medicine Hat trailer in 2011. Oakes was convicted of second-degree murder and her co-accused, Wendy Scott, pleaded guilty to the same charge. Scott has since retracted her confession as well as her testimony at trial. Oakes is appealing her conviction. A decision is expected Friday.

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### Boater rescues family stranded in Iosegun Lake

A boater rescued three people stranded in a freezing cold lake near Fox Creek Sunday afternoon. RCMP said a family of seven were stranded after their fishing boat capsized. By the time RCMP arrived, a boater had located three of the family members who were trapped in the hull of the boat. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Animation society marking 30 years

ART

**Public invited to view Calgary creators' work at exhibit**



Painstaking focus, unfiltered imagination and voluntary confinement sum up a day in the life of an animator.

Tyler Longmire, production co-ordinator for the Quickdraw Animation Society, said the meticulous work of local animators is now open to the public with an animation exhibit celebrating Quickdraw's 30th anniversary.

"With animation you basically sit in a dark box for a year," Longmire said with a



**Animator Tyler Longmire leafs through the beginnings of a simple animation at Quickdraw Animation Society's exhibit at the Untitled Arts Society in Calgary.** ANNA BROOKS/METRO

laugh.

"It can be a very solitary medium to work in. The exhibit showcases works of the

animators and gives them a chance to come together."

Longmire explained that 30 years running is not only a

huge milestone for artist-run centres in Calgary but also an indication that the medium of animation may be growing in popularity among artists.

"There's definitely a surging interest in it," Longmire said.

"The art of animation is more present than ever, and I think it's mostly because a lot of culture now is very film-, media- and Internet-based."

Quickdraw's long-standing presence in the Calgary community has sent the work of local animators worldwide to renowned events like the Melbourne International Film Festival and the Saint Petersburg International Film Festival.

Hosted at the Untitled Arts Society, the Quickdraw exhibit features compilations of animations and runs until May 30.

MORE LOCAL NEWS ONLINE

CRIME

## Officer hurt, man killed in shooting

An Edmonton police officer was injured and a man was killed when both were shot during a traffic stop.

Police said a citizen called them about a possible impaired driver at about 9:30 p.m. Monday.

They said two officers pulled over a vehicle on the city's east side and shots were fired during a "confrontation with the members."

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT), which looks into police-involved shootings, said the 31-year-old driver was wielding a sawed-off shotgun when

he and police got into an altercation.

Executive director Susan Hughson said Tuesday that the male driver died at the scene and the shotgun was recovered.

An autopsy is scheduled for Wednesday. Hughson said the injured officer remains in hospital and is expected to make a full recovery.

ASIRT said its investigation continues and no other information will be released.

Investigators have not released the dead man's name.

No other officers were hurt. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### IN BRIEF

#### Man stable after pickup truck and semi collide

A man has been taken to hospital in serious but stable condition after a crash involving a pickup truck and a semi-trailer truck. EMS crews from Cochrane responded to the collision Tuesday

afternoon on Highway 22 near the intersection of Highway 1.

The driver of the semi didn't suffer any injuries, and the man in the pickup truck was able to exit his vehicle without help from emergency crews.

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## Puppet show writes Bow River myth

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**Love triangle between star, glacier and the Trickster**



Jennifer  
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For Metro

When Ian McFarlane first moved to Calgary, he hated it.

The recent University of Lethbridge graduate was living out of the back of his van in what he calls an "urban maze," feeling isolated from the outdoors. But everything changed when he took a long bike ride down the Bow River.

"The Bow River was one of

**Just by finding a connection to this waterway, something shifted inside of me, and I thought, 'I'm going to give this city a chance.'** Ian McFarlane

the reasons I decided to stay in Calgary," he said. "Just by finding a connection to this waterway, something shifted inside of me, and I thought, 'I'm going to give this city a chance.'"

That was five years ago, and he's been here ever since.

As co-founder of Mudfoot Theatre with his partner Geneviève Paré, McFarlane is creating a puppet show about the Bow River's history.

Inspired by David Thompson's early canoe expeditions, River: A Puppet Myth of Histor-

ical Proportion, tells the story of a love triangle between the Bow glacier, a star and a character from many aboriginal myths: the Trickster.

McFarlane said he wanted to create a myth specific to Alberta to find ground for the "floating western Canadian identity."

"Growing up in Alberta, it's hard to pinpoint what your identity is," he said. "There's no myth or story to give you an understanding of the world, where I think that's a key element to identifying as an individual."

River's premise has been in McFarlane and Paré's minds for two years, and in March they held a workshop and 20-minute show to test their ideas. With the feedback, they're turning it into a full-length production set to premier in Calgary next spring. They've launched an InvestYYC campaign to raise money for the project, collecting \$1,330 of their \$5,000 goal.

"The reason Calgary is where it is, is because of the river," McFarlane said. "When you're in an urban landscape, it's easy to disassociate yourself from your natural environment. But I think (the flood) in 2013 heightened that awareness, and it actually brought people together in a lot of ways because it brought us back to that understanding of our natural landscape."



**The Trickster is one of main characters in River: A Puppet Myth of Historical Proportion.** JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

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## DRIVING

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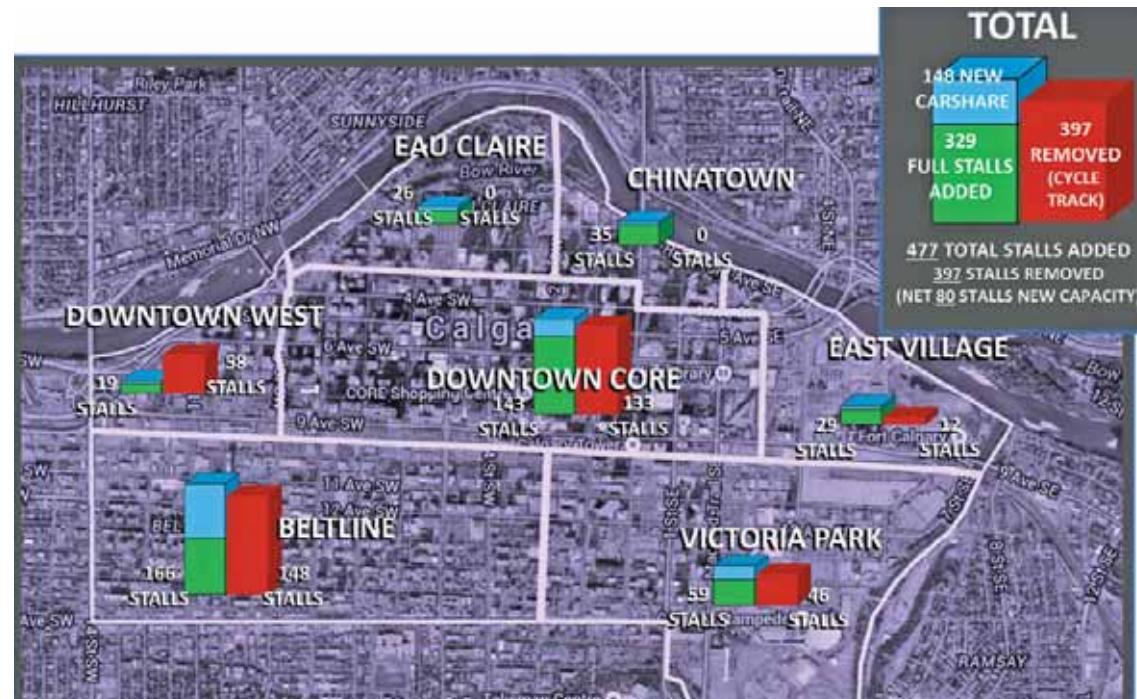
Calgary's cycle-track network will eat up hundreds of parking spaces in the city's central area, but when it opens next month there will actually be 80 more parking stalls, in total, than last year, according to a new tabulation.

That's because, for the past year, the city has been squeezing in new stalls wherever it can find space and re-designating zones to allow parking where it was previously prohibited.

In total, 397 on-street stalls will be lost but 477 new stalls will have been added by June 1, as compared to April 2014, a city report states.

Of those new spaces, 329 will be regular, full-sized stalls and 148 will be reserved for car-share vehicles, with most of the latter being "microstalls" that only car2go vehicles can park in. The spaces are hypothetically open to any car-share company that employs tiny vehicles, but car2go is currently the only such service in Calgary.

The impact on the downtown core could be nearly a wash, with a net gain of 10 stalls in total, but



This map shows where old parking stalls will be lost and new ones will be gained. COURTESY CITY OF CALGARY

a small net loss in full-sized stalls.

"We'll take every stall we can possibly get," said Maggie Schofield, executive director of the Downtown Calgary Association, who added that on-street parking is "critical" for many area businesses who rely on drive-up customer traffic.

"The on-street is really where people like to park when they're doing transactional business,"

she said. "They will go into parkades, but a lot of times they really like to stop in front of or near the building they're going to."

**We are now a city of 1.2 million people and we need to recognize that these are some of the ongoing challenges that we will face.**

Coun. Evan Woolley

Schofield said several downtown merchants have raised concerns about the distribution of the new stalls, however, because

the bulk of them come in clusters west of 6 Street SW.

"We're concerned because the (new) stalls are really not very close to where they were removed from," she said. "It's not very helpful to those businesses that face onto those cycle tracks or are nearby."

Further south in the Beltline, 148 on-street stalls will be lost with 166 new ones being added

**4,763**  
The number of on-street stalls in Calgary's centre-city area as of June 2015.

**4,683**  
The number of on-street stalls in Calgary's centre-city area as of April 2014.

**50,000**  
The rough number of off-street parking stalls in both public and private parkades in the centre city.

— roughly half of them being of the microstall variety.

Coun. Evan Woolley believes it won't take long for car2go users to learn about and take advantage of the new dedicated spaces for the tiny vehicles, thereby freeing up other parking spaces elsewhere. He noted the city plans to add even more microstalls as time goes on.

Woolley said the cycle tracks, themselves, should also lead to more people riding bikes to the centre city and thus fewer cars to be parked.

Overall, though, he said city residents will need to increasingly change their mindsets when it comes to core-area parking, as Calgary continues to grow.

"Calgarians ... need to get over the psychology that you just get to park out front of any business," Woolley said.

"This is part of us growing up into a big city."

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**POLITICS PUBLIC SCIENTISTS DECRY MUZZLING** A pile of unused placards sits upside down during a rally at Tunney's Pasture in Ottawa on Tuesday. The rally, held by federal unions, was to protest the muzzling of Canada's public scientists and partisan interference in the development of public science. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Ontario police to probe RCMP handling of long-gun registry

Allegations of RCMP wrongdoing related to the illegal destruction of long-gun registry records are under investigation by the Ontario Provincial Police.

It's the latest twist in an unprecedented battle between the Conservative government and an independent officer of parliament whose job is to safeguard Canadians' access to government records.

Information commissioner Suzanne Legault issued a special report last week revealing she'd recommended in March that charges be laid against the RCMP for the destruction of long-gun registry records that were part of an active investigation.

The Harper government responded by retroactively rewriting the law, backdating the changes and burying the

amendment in an omnibus budget bill.

Legault calls that a "perilous precedent" that could be used by governments to retroactively rewrite laws on everything from spending scandals to electoral fraud.

"It will be looked at by a senior investigator," said Sgt. Peter Leon of the OPP, confirming an investigation will take place.

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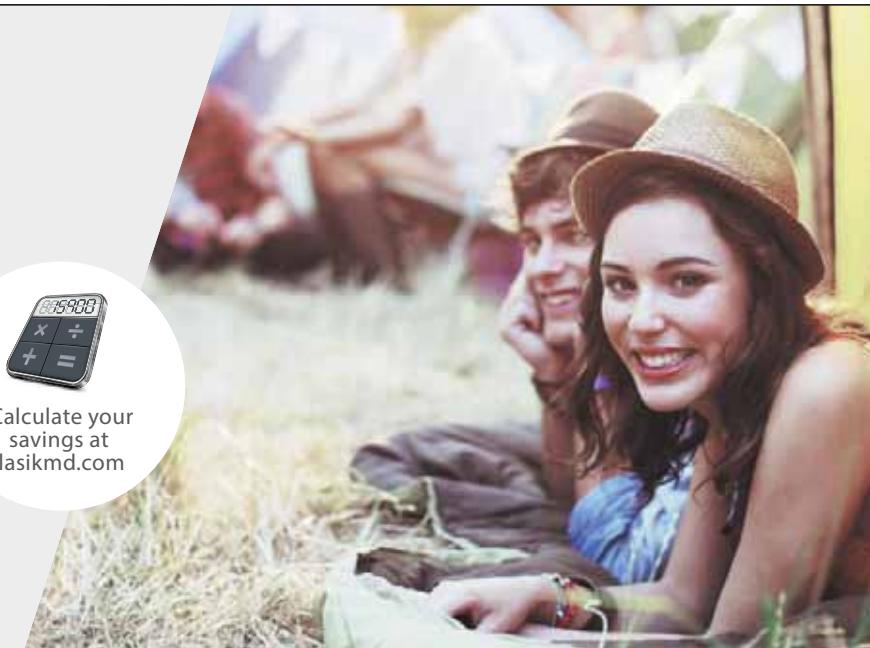
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# Licence to grow

OTTAWA

## President of university behind medical weed company

**Haley Ritchie**  
Metro | Ottawa

University of Ottawa president Allan Rock and his family are behind a budding new business venture — now all they need is a licence from the federal government to grow medical marijuana.

Corporate documents obtained by Metro show Rock, his wife Deborah Hanscom and their two children have started a business called RockGarden Medicinals Inc.

On its website, the company says it aims to become "a trusted supplier of premium medicinal marijuana." Before they can do that, however, Health Canada needs to grant them a licence to grow medical marijuana — something Hanscom, who is the company's chief executive officer, says is still up in the air.

"Right now we're not close to having a licence to produce, and there's other applicants in the community in our position,"



**It's been a great experience, but it's still a real work in progress.**

Deborah Hanscom, CEO of RockGarden Medicinals Inc. and wife of Allan Rock



**University of Ottawa president Allan Rock is seen in this file photo. Rock and his family are trying to obtain a licence from Health Canada to grow medical marijuana.** LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

she said.

Hanscom, who uses medical marijuana herself to treat chronic pain, says obtaining a license is taking longer than expected because Health Canada is still sorting out rules and regulations.

"Everyone needs to keep a site available, there's a cost to keeping people who will be your professionals, keeping shareholders interested in the uncertainty," she said. That has left the company in limbo.

The family incorporated two companies in 2013 and 2014, corporate records show.

One of them — an Ontario numbered company — lists Rock as its president and as one of its directors. His name does not appear on the corporate filings of the second company, RockGarden Medicinals (2014) Inc.

Both companies list 259 McLeod St. in downtown Ottawa as their business address.

Property records show Rock and Hanscom bought the prop-

erty in March 2014.

Hanscom says the numbered company owns the building where RockGarden Medicinals hopes to eventually grow medicinal marijuana.

The other company handles RockGarden Medicinals' business operations, she said.

But Hanscom says her husband — who held the justice and health portfolios in the Liberal government of former prime minister Jean Chrétien — is not involved in the marijuana-growing side of the business.

Rock — whose term as president and vice-chancellor of the University of Ottawa comes to an end next year — did not respond to a request for comment on Tuesday.

Hanscom says she has enjoyed the experience of starting a medical marijuana business, even if it never gets off the ground.

Health Canada has yet to respond to a request for comment.

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# Quaid released after arrest

MONTREAL

## Actor had been hiding out after being denied residency

Actor Randy Quaid, who once claimed he was being hunted by "Hollywood star-whackers," was ordered released from a Montreal immigration detention centre Tuesday following more than two years of living under the radar.

Quaid, 64, was nabbed last Thursday in Montreal, where he's lived since January 2013, a month after finding out his bid for permanent residency in Canada had been denied.

He became the subject of a nationwide arrest warrant after he stopped checking in with the Canada Border Services Agency.

An Immigration and Refugee Board member authorized Quaid's release Tuesday after his father-in-law agreed to post a \$10,000 bond.

It was not immediately known if the money was handed over.

Quaid must abide by a number of other conditions, includ-

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Quaid also doesn't have a valid U.S. passport; he and his wife announced late last year they are suing U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and the State Department to recover passports the government revoked three years ago. A document filed Tuesday suggests the U.S. government is willing to give Quaid a temporary passport.

ing checking in with border-agency officials within 48 hours of his release and then every two weeks. He must tell them if he leaves Canada, and he can't work without a valid work permit.

The actor is not admissible in Canada and could ask for a pre-removal risk assessment, which could prolong his stay. He has not done so.

Quaid and Evi, his Canadian wife of 25 years, fled the United States in 2010, saying they were the victims of persecution.

The Quaids arrived in Canada with a string of legal problems, but during Tuesday's hearing

were told that all of the charges against them were dismissed except for one — a burglary charge which Quaid claims is identity theft.

Sporting a massive beard and shoulder-length grey hair, Quaid apologized and indicated he's ready to return to the United States to deal with the case and ultimately return to Canada.

Quaid said he was devastated by the ruling against his residency bid in December 2012 and feared being separated from his wife, whose father is Canadian and enabled her to gain her citizenship.

A border-agency official saw Quaid coming in and out of a residence in Montreal and police were asked to break down the door when no one would answer.

Board member Dianne Tordorff said that Quaid posed a flight risk given that he has failed to follow previous conditions, but said she doesn't believe his detention is necessary.

Quaid is the older brother of actor Dennis Quaid and is perhaps best-known for his roles in films such as National Lampoon's Vacation and Independence Day.

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Randy Quaid, in this image shot off of a closed circuit TV monitor, appears at an immigration refugee board hearing in Montreal on Tuesday. SIDHARTHA BANERJEE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

### IN BRIEF

#### Pélaudeau tackles economic issues at national assembly

Head offices and job cuts were on Pierre Karl Pélaudeau's mind during his first questions as Opposition leader in the national assembly on Tuesday. Pélaudeau, who became leader of the PQ's on Friday, asked Couillard if he plans to intervene to better protect the province's head offices. The premier responded that Quebec's economic plan has begun to work and will continue to be effective.

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#### Couple bring adopted boy home from Pakistan

Waheeda and Ashfaq Afridi arrived in Saskatoon on the weekend with their son, Ajjab. The Afridis adopted the boy, a nephew, when he was born in 2010. Pakistan approved the arrangement but Canada denied a permanent residence application. Last November, the appeal division of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada granted Ajjab a sponsorship visa, but the paperwork took several more months.

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# EU plan risky: Experts

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING

### Plan aims to systematically destroy vessels of smugglers

Experts say the European Union's plan to disrupt the business of human traffickers and destroy their boats in the Mediterranean is a short-term deterrent that is likely to be dangerous, costly and tough to implement.

Faced with a rising death toll of migrants trying to cross the Mediterranean to get into Europe, the EU wants to launch a military operation next month to "destroy the business model" of the smugglers to coincide with the migrant high season. The operation will progressively include surveying smuggling routes, searching and boarding possible smuggling boats and eventually, possibly destroying those boats.

However, experts voiced concern Tuesday about the plan's real impact on smugglers — saying it could be

just a media show to demonstrate EU determination to stop these perilous sea voyages.

The operation is still in the planning stage and requires a UN Security Council resolution and some consent from Libya, the major departure site for smugglers, for its full implementation to be legally sound. It will involve European navy ships, drones and satellite imagery.

"Having this aggressive military action is really sound and fury," said Tuesday Reitano from the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime. "It's going to cost a lot, it's going to look very impressive, with naval boats patrolling up and down, but it's certainly not going to have a long-term impact."

According to a planning document, the aim is "to disrupt the business model of the smugglers" by systematically destroying their main assets: boats.

Some of the simple boats though, many of them inflatable, might be easily replaced. Others have been designed to be abandoned, like the cargo



An Italian Coast Guard ship carrying migrants arrives at Pozzallo's harbour near Ragusa, Sicily, Italy, on Tuesday.

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ship programmed to ram into Italy's shore.

But some may be tougher to replace, raising costs and convincing fishermen to no longer make their vessels available to smugglers.

The EU is under tremendous pressure to act. More than 170,000 people used Libya as a jumping off point last year to reach Europe. The dangerous but financially re-

warding trafficking enterprise accounts for about 80 per cent of all the migrants smuggled into Europe.

More than 10,000 people have been plucked from the sea in recent weeks. The International Organization for Migration estimates that 1,820 migrants have died or gone missing on the sea route to Europe this year.

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## UNITED STATES

### Republicans admit Iraq was a mistake

It's perhaps fitting that a member of the Bush family has achieved in a few days something that seemed unattainable for years: getting Republicans to declare that the 2003 invasion of Iraq was, after all, a big mistake.

Republican presidential candidates have been lining up to call it an error.

Ted Cruz, Scott Walker, Marco Rubio, George Pataki, Rick Santorum, Rand Paul, radio host Laura Ingraham — every one took a position that would have been anathema within the party a few years ago.

It was all triggered by an apparent flub by Jeb Bush.

The presidential hopeful, ex-florida governor and brother of the president who attacked Iraq was asked on Fox News last week whether he would have invaded, knowing what he knows today.

Yes, he replied.

He tried to correct the record a day later. He said he'd misinterpreted the question and had based his answer on

how he felt in 2003 — when the U.S. government said Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and an invasion would be quick and easy. By week's end, he settled on a final answer: no.

He was pounded with criticism in the meantime — largely from his own side.

Ingraham, a popular conservative radio host, said: "You can't still think that going into Iraq, now, as a sane human being, was the right thing to do. If you do, there has to be something wrong with you."

Other presidential aspirants had no problem answering the Iraq question.

"Of course not," Cruz, the conservative favourite from Texas, told CNN.

"I mean, the entire predicate for the war against Iraq was the intelligence that showed they had weapons of mass destruction and that there was a real risk they might use them ..."

"We now know that intelligence was false."

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A masked demonstrator stands on a barricade in the Cibitoke neighborhood of Bujumbura, Burundi on Tuesday. JEROME DELAY/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Burundi refugees create crisis

### SANITATION

#### Cholera breaks out as village in Tanzania overwhelmed

Cholera and severe diarrhea have broken out among tens of thousands of refugees from Burundi who are jammed into a village in Tanzania on the edge of Lake Tanganyika, with the Burundians overwhelming the health infrastructure and sanitation facilities, aid agencies said Tuesday.

Between 500 and 2,000 people are arriving daily in the tiny fishing village of Kagunga, the World Health Organization said.

The refugees have abandoned their country because of fears of political violence in the run-up to June elections, in which their president is seeking a third term.

His candidacy has triggered demonstrations for three weeks in Burundi's capital. Amid the chaos, military officers launched a coup last week, which failed within two days.

Kagunga's original population of 11,382 has increased to over 90,000 since April, WHO said in a statement. There is not enough safe water for drinking.

With Kagunga surrounded by mountains, the refugees

must wait to board a 100-year-old ship and make the three-hour trip to the port of Kigoma, the International Rescue Committee (IRC) said.

The ship is transporting 600 passengers twice daily, leaving those who remain behind in overcrowded and unsanitary conditions, the aid group said.

The IRC said it is providing medical care in Kagunga, on the boat and at a transit camp in Kigoma. After making it to Kigoma, around 16,000 refugees have moved on to Nyarugusu refugee camp, a journey of up to four hours by road.

Cases of acute diarrhea and cholera have been confirmed, according to WHO.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees office reported on Sunday that at least seven Burundian refugees had died of severe diarrhea.

Demonstrators in Bujumbura, Burundi's capital, say they will continue to protest until President Pierre Nkurunziza steps down at the end of his second term.

Burundi's constitution states a president can be popularly elected to a five-year term, renewable once. Nkurunziza maintains he can run for a third term because parliament elected him for his first one.

Opponents say a third term violates the Constitution and peace accords that ended a civil war.

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### BUTLER INMATE

## Serving the governor while serving time

Bobby Jindal's personal butler is known as the first worker to arrive at the Louisiana governor's mansion every day and the last to leave.

He routinely works with the likely Republican presidential contender and his children.

"You can't get any closer to the governor than he is," the mansion's co-ordinator said.

He's also an inmate serving life for second-degree murder

for stabbing his nephew — a sentence he wants a judge to reduce.

Harrison Cage is a prison trusty, an inmate who is considered trustworthy by prison authorities and gets privileges such as working outside the penitentiary. Nationwide, governors often employ trusties to work in mansions.

Cage, 52, lives at the State Police Barracks and has worked

at the mansion for eight years.

In 1992, a mistrial was declared in Cage's case. But a year later, a second Ascension Parish jury unanimously convicted Cage in the stabbing of Tyrone Clark.

On Monday, Cage asked Judge Jessie LeBlanc to give his life sentence some kind of term, possibly 45 to 50 years, so he can seek parole under Louisiana law. LeBlanc took

the case under advisement.

When asked whether Jindal thinks his butler should receive a reduced sentence, a spokeswoman said that his office cannot comment on court proceedings.

At the hearing, mansion coordinator Irene Shepherd testified that she'd be comfortable having Cage as her next-door neighbour.

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# Push on for paid sick leave

## EMPLOYMENT

### Big U.S. firms tweak policies to get ahead of new legislation

For Shannon Henderson, getting a cold or flu could be the difference between putting food on the table and going hungry. As a part-time customer service representative at a Walmart in Sacramento, Calif., Henderson is one of an estimated 40 million American workers for whom calling in sick is a luxury. If they don't work, they don't get paid.

Paid sick leave is the next frontier in the fight for the country's lowest earners. The debate has caught the attention of governments and companies alike.

U.S. President Barack Obama is calling for federal legislation that would require companies to guarantee workers paid sick days. And since San Francisco started requiring that in 2007, nearly 20 cities and three states — Connecticut, Massachusetts



Shannon Henderson poses outside the Walmart store where she works in Sacramento, Calif. She is one of about 40 million workers who don't get paid if they call in sick. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

and California — have passed similar measures. New York, Maryland and other states are considering laws, too. McDonald's Corp. and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. both are making changes to their paid sick leave policies.

The new focus comes in

the face of wide disparities between the benefits received by the top and bottom rungs of the corporate ladder. Sixty-one per cent of U.S. workers get at least one paid sick day, according to a survey conducted last year by the Bureau of Labor

## Statistics.

But only 20 per cent of workers whose wages are in the bottom 10 per cent get paid sick leave, compared with 87 per cent in the top 10 per cent. Also, 74 per cent of full-time workers get paid sick leave,

while 24 per cent of part-time workers do, according to BLS.

Despite the disparities, some industry groups are fighting against laws requiring sick leave pay. Many companies are leaning toward policies that lump together sick, personal and vacation days.

Big companies are changing their paid sick leave policies ahead of legislation.

Walmart said within a year it would end the one-day wait for sick pay for all full-time U.S. workers. A spokesman said the company is reviewing its sick policy for part-time workers.

McDonald's is taking a different approach by lumping together personal and sick days. Starting July 1, full-time and part-time workers at company-owned restaurants will begin to accrue personal paid time off after one year of service that can be used for sick leave. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## MEAT LABELLING LAWS

### U.S. lawmakers introduce bill to avert trade war

A group of U.S. lawmakers hopes to move swiftly in an effort to avoid a trade war with Canada.

Members of a congressional committee have introduced a bill that would repeal American meat-labelling standards.

The move from the House agriculture committee came a day after the World Trade Organization found the standards violated international trade law. Canada and Mexico are seeking to slap tariffs on a wide range of American

goods, unless the U.S. Congress changes the rules.

The new bill would repeal the requirement that beef, pork and poultry sold in the U.S. be labelled with the country where the animals were born, raised and slaughtered.

Canada and Mexico blame the rule for reducing exports and major business groups in the U.S. also criticize it for complicating the sorting process. The Canadian government said Tuesday it is serious about retaliation.

The sponsors of the American bill expressed optimism that it would have enough votes to pass the House of Representatives and then also the Senate, where adoption could be a bit trickier.

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## IN BRIEF

### Insolvencies rising in Canada, report finds

The number of Canadians who can't pay their debts and are being forced into insolvency is on the rise for the first time since the recession, according to a report by CIBC. The bank says the cumulative number of insolvencies rose by 1.2 per cent in the six-month period ended in February. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Oil and gas sector could lose 185,000 jobs: Study

A new study by Enform's labour market division says shrinking budgets in the oil and gas industry could lead to as many as 185,000 direct and indirect job losses this year in Canada. It says engineering construction firms are the most vulnerable.

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## THE BIG THING: CANNES TAKES A STAND ON HIGH HEELS

The ultra-fancy French film festival stepped on some toes this week after hosts turned several women away from movie premieres for wearing flat shoes instead of high heels. The resulting social media dust-up kicked off a debate about the rights to individual expression and comfort versus the obligation to respect the dress code of a private event.

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1 **"Shoegate"** Backlash was quick after several older women reportedly were denied entry to Sunday's premiere of the film *Carol*, for wearing flat shoes. Asif Kapadia, director of the Amy Winehouse documentary *Amy*, tweeted that his wife temporarily was barred from his premiere for the same reason.

### 2 Cannes responds

There's long been a strict formal dress code at Cannes — men in tuxedos; women in evening dresses — but there's no specific rule about heel height, said festival spokeswoman Christine Aime. She said hosts were reminded of that after the controversy hit.

3 **Award for awkwardness** This hiccup came at a bad time, as Cannes has worked hard to embrace gender equality. A female director opened the event for the first time since 1987. The fest features female-driven films such as the thriller *Sicario*, with Emily Blunt, who said it's "disappointing" female festival-goers were expected to suffer for the sake of formality.

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Earlier this month the Senate Human Rights Committee gutted a bill calling for a law against genetic discrimination in Canada. Instead of protecting Canadians from having their personal genetic information used against them, the bill now simply provides a definition of "disclose" and "genetic test," and protects no one.

More than 26,000 genetic tests are now available to the public. Many do-it-yourself tests, like those offered by mail from the California-based company 23andMe, cost less than \$200. As more Canadians elect to find out what their genetic blueprints say about them, Canada needs to protect their genetic information from being misused.

According to Senator James Cowan, who tabled the bill,

most other Western democratic countries have laws like this already. In 2003, the United Nations' scientific and cultural organization adopted the International Declaration on Human Genetic Data, which aims to prevent personal genetic information from being used against an individual or group.

Why isn't Canada on board? The insurance industry opposed the original bill banning genetic discrimination, Senator Cowan said in the Senate.

Really? Should business interests be the reason this principle fails to become law?

Many Canadians who are sick and in need of treatment could be helped by genetic testing.

But with no law to protect them, they might decide not to get tested.

They might fear repercussions from their insurance company or employers down the road, if their tests indicate they carry genes that predis-

pose them to a medical condition or disease.

Canadians may well decide not to get tested if there's a risk their insurance premiums will go up, or that they will be denied insurance.

Ironically, when a patient is able to catch a genetic disease early through testing, they're often able to take preventative measures that reduce the potential cost of their care for everyone involved — including themselves, the government and their insurers.

Genetic discrimination could come from anywhere, not just insurance companies. Should a hospital be allowed to deny a surgeon a job if he or she were found to be at risk for tremor-causing Parkinson's disease? Would it be OK if a private school, whose reputation depends on its students' test scores, rejected a student who carried a gene related to dyslexia?

We should not leave these decisions for Canadian organizations to make for them-

**Should a hospital be able to deny a surgeon a job if he or she were found to be at risk for tremor-causing Parkinson's?**  
**Would it be OK if a private school ... rejected a student who carried a gene related to dyslexia?**

selves. As researchers discover more about the complicated human blueprint, Canadians will need increasing protection from discrimination that might arise from that information.

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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD



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## The government has to give us some facts before it spins them

There's spin, and then there are facts.

And while I don't mind Stephen Harper's heavy messaging, it's scary how little actual information we're fed.

Take government scientists, muzzled by what one prominent biologist called the Conservatives' "control issue."

Yesterday, scientists in Ottawa and elsewhere rallied to protest restraints that keep them from talking to the media. Cuts to research mean policies will be based on ideology in the absence of science, they argue.

Biologist Steve Campana (now retired), described a fear among scientists. As veterans like him retire to escape the toxic environment, there will be a hollowing-out of expertise and a "death spiral for government science," he told media.

Of course, Harper is concerned we get his messages. Conservative talking points are so tightly worded he might as well use wind-up dolls. I'm not upset that he holds his MPs so close they must know what deodorant he wears. Spin, after all, is a part of government.

But this is about silencing research that we pay for. And it goes far beyond science.

A recent Toronto Star editorial accused Harper of silencing numerous watchdogs, including ones who overlooked the budget, nuclear energy and veterans affairs.

In Kill the Messengers: Stephen Harper's Assault on Your Right to Know, published this year, author Mark Bourrie argues Harper's control over MPs and bureaucrats makes officials accountable to the PM's agenda, not the electorate.

We've got a National Press Theatre, but you'd never know it, since Harper barely bothers with the press. And his attendance at question period has dwindled to less than one third of the time, the National Post reported this weekend.

Meanwhile, our Access to Information Act feels more like the Failure to Access Information Act. It's more a "shield against transparency," Information Commissioner Suzanne Legault said ahead of a report released in March.

And it's a joke: last year, the Privy Council Office redacted even Prime Minister David Cameron's name before releasing details of his 2011 visit (agenda items were also blacked out).

To quote Campana: "when you go to the extent of silencing just talking about facts, that just doesn't make any sense." And it doesn't make for a good democracy.

If it must, the government can spin the facts I already have on hand — because it gave them to me. Without those facts, I can't properly judge its actions.

Besides, it's my information.

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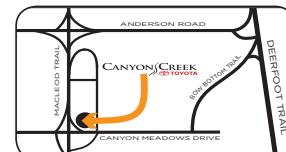
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# Back to basics



**Scientists and urban homesteaders Michelle Nelson and Chris Mull**  
ALISON PAGE/THE URBAN HOMESTEADING COOKBOOK

**Laura Boast**  
Metro | Life

So you want to go back to the land, raise livestock, harvest crops.

Like most city folk, however, your head's in the clouds, 20 storeys up, nowhere close to a home with a garden, let alone farmland. It's impossible, you think.

Far from it, say the authors of three new cookbooks. Your dream is as close as your kitchen.

All three are pioneers of urban homesteading, a movement reviving the hands-on skills of farm living — and eating — in the heart of the city. It's everything from growing herbs on your windowsill to raising quail and collecting your eggs for breakfast.

"Everything DIY, it's really rewarding," says Aimée Wimbush-Bourque, creator of Simple Bites blog and author of Brown Eggs and Jam Jars. "People are rediscovering the joy of using their hands again."

For Wimbush-Bourque and her husband, it's about teaching their children self-sufficiency, and how much fun that can be. They even tap their own sugar maple tree in Laval, Que., to make maple syrup.

Urban homesteaders come from all walks of life. Camilla Wynne, author of Preservation Society: Home Preserves, went from playing in an indie rock band to making delicious jams, jellies and preserves at her company Preservation Society in downtown Montreal.

"A lot of urban people don't have direct contact with farms and nature and things like that," says Wynne. "People working in offices, it connects them with the parts of our lives that are missing."

One thing that connects all urban homesteaders is a taste for whole foods — in some cases, extreme whole foods.

Michelle Catherine Nelson, author of The Urban Homesteading Cookbook, is a practitioner of that approach. Like the rabbits she raised in the living room of her downtown Vancouver condo — not as pets,

but ingredients. She believes foodies are leading the way.

"There's a desire for homemade, artisanal food," says Nelson, a conservation biologist on the West Coast. "Some of it is esthetic — like craft beer is cooler because it's craft beer — and some of it is about the quality."

## It's good for the planet

All three women agree that making food and drinks from scratch is not only good for your taste buds and pocketbook, but for the planet.

"Eating local (year-round) is not super easy, unless you're canning," says Wynne.

Urban homesteading takes less energy than factory-scale farming, and reduces food transportation costs down to walking across the living room to your balcony to harvest tomatoes.

## Anyone can do it

Even if the closest you've been to a farm is a petting zoo and you grew up on processed food, these pioneers say you can champion the urban homesteading movement.

Nelson recommends YouTube instructional videos and online forums as learning tools. They're not just practical resources — they can provide a sense of community, something you may need starting out, along with a supportive partner.

"A huge part of my being able to do this is my partner (Chris)," Nelson says. "When I started three years ago, (it seemed) nobody was doing any of this stuff.... But Chris was like, 'Let's do this.'"

## Education

Of course, if you're planning on raising livestock, even micro-livestock like quail, you need to educate yourself on local bylaws. You may be pleasantly surprised. Wimbush-Bourque reports that residents of Westmount, Montreal's most tony neighbourhood, are allowed to keep chickens.

Wynne, who offers classes in canning and preserving at her company Preservation Society, says it's important to seek a mentor, or take a class, to ensure more successful experiments.

## TRY IT



This recipe, from Aimée Wimbush-Bourque's recipe book **Brown Eggs and Jam Jars**, is the epitome of simple, whole food. If you've got chives growing in a container garden on your balcony, or a friend with chives in the garden, you can make this.

## Radish chive butter

Makes  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup (125 mL)  
(This butter will keep, covered and refrigerated, for up to 2 days)

- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup (60 mL) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 4 radishes • 1 Tbsp (15 mL) chopped young chives
- Flaky sea salt

1. Place butter in a small bowl. Using a microplane, grate radishes into the butter. Add chopped chives. Cream the mixture together with a sturdy spatula until it is a unified paste.
2. Transfer radish butter to a small serving dish and serve at room temperature with the sea salt for garnish.



## 5 TIPS FOR THE URBAN HOMESTEADER

LAURA BOAST/METRO

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## TIPS FOR THE URBAN HOMESTEADER



### 1 Why it's called preserving

Camilla Wynne, owner of Preservation Society, says food that is properly canned will keep for a very long time.

Colour, flavour and texture degrade over time, Wynne says, but that's it. She argues that some preserves like marmalade improve with age, like wine, as their flavours deepen.

**BE SAFE:** Follow the proper procedure for canning. That's where a class or a mentor can come in handy.



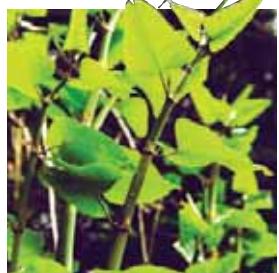
### 2 Yes, you can

Keep things simple when you first start canning.

"I tell people to start with refrigerator pickles," says Aimée Wimbush-Bourque, author of the recipe book *Brown Eggs and Jam Jars*. "They're easy."

Camilla Wynne says fruits like peaches and raspberries are also a good bet because there is sufficient acid for food safety (fruit is acid). "Add spices, herbs, honey or liqueurs to amp up the flavour," she says.

**BE SAFE:** Follow the proper procedure for canning. That's where a class or a mentor can come in handy.



### 3 Picnic on the lawn

If growing crops on your apartment balcony is out of the question, you can forage for free food around your apartment building or your friend's back garden, says conservation biologist Michelle Nelson. Take dandelions, for instance. Europeans settlers planted them as an edible plant. The same is true of a lot of weeds found in lawns across the country. "People forget they're food," she says.

**BE SAFE:** Don't eat weeds treated with pesticides. Nelson is putting out a foraging guide with 30 edible weeds.



### 4 If you can't beat 'em, eat 'em

Nelson suggests that more daring locavores might want to join the Invasive Food Movement. It's a way to bite back against invasive plants and animals that are out-competing native species.

Have a hankering for escargot? Find some invasive European garden snails, taking over gardens across the country. Japanese knotweed, now a pesky invasive plant, is an edible plant in the spring. **BE SAFE:** Before you set out, get guidance on bylaws and safety of invasive species.



### 5 Get out of town

If you aren't ready to go whole hog, but want a taste of farm life, go ahead and get that taste, smell and touch — on a real farm. "So many farms now, if you call them up, they have specific visitors days, and you-pick-it days," says Wimbush-Bourque. "Farmers are wise up to the fact that city dwellers are looking for that connection to the land."

Wimbush-Bourque and her family enjoy visiting local country fall fairs for a day, packing a picnic, visiting the livestock and produce displays, and learning about the lifestyle.

## PET NUTRITION

## Try organic gardening for Fido

Veterinarians are beginning to preach the gospel of gardening — primarily how organic fruits and vegetables can be used to improve the health of family pets.

Everything from carrots to leafy vegetables and fruit can be added to the cat or dog dish. That saves money on pet food, too.

"I'm seeing things like broccoli, cucumbers, apples and pears showing up in animal diets," said Dr. Eric Patrin, owner of the South Whidbey Animal Clinic in Clinton, Wash. "Many pet owners are using them as treats. Ten years ago, no way dogs would be getting that."

The No. 1 nutritional problem for pets today is that they're eat-

ing way too much, which leads to obesity, diabetes and arthritis, said Dr. Johnny Clark, who operates the Blue Mountain Animal Clinic in Luray, Virginia.

"You can't exercise your way off a bad diet," Clark said. "Go with smaller portions. And try introducing green beans. They're rich in fibre and don't have any unnecessary calories. They make a good filler and that's just the ticket for animals needing to lose weight."

Carrots, leafy greens, blueberries and blackberries also are great pet food additions and can be served up raw, steamed or sautéed. Peppermint, catnip and rosemary are standard pet-

garden plants, although many mints — including catnip — can be invasive unless contained.

Beware introducing amaryllis, rhododendron, chrysanthemum, dieffenbachia and lilies to your property. They are among the most toxic flora known for canines and felines.

Dogs and cats are grazers, frequently nibbling on grass to soothe what ails them. The problem with that, however, is that many lawns are loaded with herbicides and pesticides.

"I always thought lawns were supposed to be a family refuge," said John Harrison, sales and marketing manager for the Espoma Co., which makes organic fertilizers for the retail lawn and garden industry. "You can grow good lawns without using chemicals."

The company has a Safe Paws campaign that emphasizes natural gardening solutions.

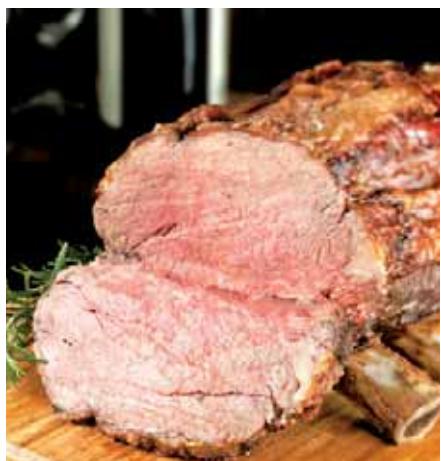
Organic weed and insect control extends well beyond lawns, he said.

"Look at the totality of the garden or landscape," Harrison said. "There are a number of situations that can be changed to make yards more hospitable to pets."

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Dogs can benefit from organic veggies like carrots and leafy greens. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Is there something fishy about your beef?

If you haven't heard by now, you need to eat more fish than meat. But why? The science so far indicates that the fat balance in your body is critical to your health in terms of aging, inflammation and your own hormonal load.

Omega 3, 6, and 9 do a lot for you, and the Standard (North) American Diet (ironically known as SAD for short) provides an imbalanced amount of 6s and 9s and not enough 3s.

Fish gives you 3s, but meat

### HEALTH NOTES

#### Omega-3s help protect against Alzheimer's

A study by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has found that for adults at risk of developing late-onset Alzheimer's, consuming more omega-3 fatty acids could have a positive effect of cognitive flexibility.

Looking at 40 cognitively healthy older adults who were at risk of developing late-onset Alzheimer's, they found that those who consumed higher amounts of omega-3 fatty acids demonstrated greater cognitive flexibility — which refers to the ability to switch between tasks. AFP

provides more 6s and 9s.

Enter beef breeding. In China, high omega-3 meat has been "successfully bred." It appears as though what the scientist have done is isolate a gene from a

nematode worm which, when added to a cow's DNA, converts omega-6 fat to omega-3. Um, eww. Without belabouring the GMO topic, it seems like a bizarrely long way around to a simple endpoint. There are more than a few ways to get a better balance of omega-3.

- Eat more omega-3 yourself. The best source is fish but you have additional options like: seaweed, seeds and nuts, fortified foods and supplements from fish or krill oil. No worms required.
- Choose animals that are fed foods like flax and seeds. There is evidence that fortifying them changes the fat composition for the animal, which in turn fortifies you.

- Reduce your intake of beef and other meats.

- Choose organic, wild or grass-fed meats when you do enjoy them. Fascinatingly, when animals forage on their natural diet of grasses, their fat balance skews toward more of the healthier 3. Theresa is an on-camera food and health expert, nutritionist and writer who wants you to be in the know.

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of rosé wines.

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# A not-so-niche lesbian romance



Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara reportedly have excellent chemistry in Carol, adapted from the gay literature classic by the same name. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

CANNES

## Blanchett, Mara deliver stellar performances in '50s love story

Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara are sitting in a bright room, with the Mediterranean all around, atop the Palais des Festival, the hub of the Cannes Film Festival.

As the stars of Todd Haynes' '50s lesbian romance *Carol*, they've been at the very centre of Cannes both because *Carol* epitomizes the positive female focus of this year's festival and because few films have been more lauded here.

The megawatt attention for the pair is ironic, in a way.

In *Carol*, Blanchett and Mara play women drawn irresistibly together, but who must cloak their surging affection for one another in subtle, hidden gestures, keeping their love unseen to a conservative, male-dominated world.

"There's something Romeo and Juliet-esque about it," Blanchett says of the film. "There's a universality to the love story that moves it out of the niche."

"It's about the perspective or the feeling of being in love for the first time. And, yes, it's not immaterial that there are two women at the centre of it. But at certain moments, it kind of is."

The long-in-development *Carol* is finally out in the open after more than a decade of attempts to adapt the 1952 novel by Patricia Highsmith. The book,

originally published under a pseudonym, has long been a classic of gay literature.

By the reception at Cannes, *Carol* seems sure to be in the Oscar hunt this year after it opens Dec. 18, particularly for its sumptuous period production and the raved-about performances of its two stars.

Chemistry between Mara and Blanchett is essential for the film to work, but the production schedule didn't allow any time for rehearsals. It was either going to be there, or not.

"A lot of people ask me: What did you do to get the chemistry?" says Mara. "But chemistry, I don't think is something you can create. You either have it, or you don't."

Blanchett says their chemistry came from their firm faith

in the project and a shared seriousness.

"I feel we're both quite practical and pragmatic about the work," she says. "We're both pretty unshockable. There was a little: 'Don't worry, don't be embarrassed.'"

For Haynes, Blanchett and Mara add to a filmography littered with powerful female performances: Kate Winslet in *Mildred Pierce*, Julianne Moore in the also '50s-set *Far From Heaven* and Blanchett, herself, as Bob Dylan in *I'm Not There*.

"I'm very lucky to be able to have had some great chances working with women and on stories about women's lives that I think are under-represented in independent film and Hollywood," Haynes said.

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**GOSSIP NOTES** Game of thrones controversy and red-carpet hotties

## Turner 'secretly loved' rape scene

The Internet was not pleased with what HBO hit *Game of Thrones* put Sansa Stark through on her recent wedding night: that would be marital rape by her new husband, the psychopathic Ramsay Bolton. And many critics made their voices heard.

But you know who didn't have a problem with

it?

**Sophie Turner**, the actress who plays Sansa.

"When I read that scene, I kind of loved it," she told Entertainment Weekly.

"It's also so daunting for me to do it. I've been making (producer Bryan Cogman) feel so bad for writing that scene: 'I can't believe you're doing this to me! But I secretly loved it.'

NED EHRBAR/FOR METRO

## Aishwarya Rai easy on the eyes at Cannes

Bollywood star and L'Oréal ambassador Aishwarya Rai may well have caused boats to crash as she posed for cameras on the Cannes dock at the photo call for her film *Jazbaa* on Tuesday.

The 41-year old beauty wore a bordeaux-col-

oured Oscar de la Renta organza and silk taffeta gown with layered lattices that gave a classic gown a fashion-forward twist.

The dropped waist and long torso ensured that everyone got a sense of her enviable figure and her deep red lips purred sexy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## Rousey looking for tall, dark pediatrician



**Ned Ehrbar**  
In Hollywood

I knew UFC champ Ronda Rousey was tough, but apparently she's also quite the comedian — and not afraid to touch sensitive material.

Access Hollywood sat down with Rousey — promoting her role in the *Entourage* movie — and asked how she'd fare against boxing champ and noted domestic violence enthusiast Floyd Mayweather.

"Well, I would never say that I can't beat anyone, but I don't think me and him would ever fight," Rousey responds. "Unless we ended up dating." Zing!



Don't expect that love connection anytime soon, though, at least according to what kind of guy Rousey is really looking for. "Everyone expects I want these giant, burly guys, and that's not really the case. I don't come home from the gym and feel, like, super rough. I want to be taken care of when I get home," she says. "Right now, I'm waiting for a tall, dark pediatrician or something, you know? Something like that." Something awfully specific, apparently.

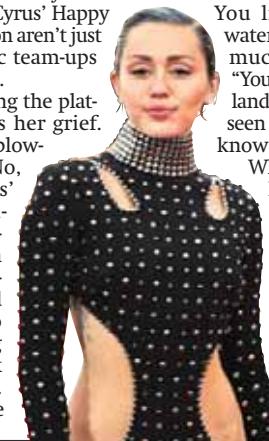
HAPPY HIPPI FOUNDATION

## Cyrus' tribute to her dead blowfish

So apparently the backyard sessions for Miley Cyrus' Happy Hippie Foundation aren't just going to be epic team-ups with rock greats.

She's also using the platform to express her grief.

Over her dead blowfish, Pablow. No, seriously. Cyrus' video clip features her donning a unicorn onesie and settling in behind a keyboard to sing her moving tribute to mark Pablow's passing. "How can I love



someone I never touched? You lived under the water but I love you so much," Miley sings. "You've never been on land and you've never seen the sky. You don't know what a could is.

Why does everything I love have to die?"

It's so bizarrely moving that I feel the need to remind you about the unicorn onesie part. The moral, I guess, is that even stoners grieve. NED EHRBAR/FOR METRO

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# VW Golf stands test of time



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## THE CHECKLIST | 2015 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF

### THE BASICS

**Type.** Four-door, five-passenger compact hatchback  
**Engine (hp/torque).**

1.8-litre turbo four-cylinder (170/185)

**Transmission.** Five-speed manual or six-speed automatic

**Price.** Base \$19,995, as tested, \$32,090 (plus destination)

### POINTS

- The Golf is currently the only non-premium vehicle to offer a diesel engine in a hatchback or station wagon.

- The infotainment screen has a proximity sensor to bring up the menu when you put your hand near it.



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### COOL FEATURES

- Available: auto-dimming high-beams
- Fender stereo system
- Panoramic dual-pane sunroof
- Forward collision warning
- Rain-sensing wipers
- Sport seats and suspension
- Rearview camera

### MARKET POSITION

- Originally sold as the Rabbit in Canada when it debuted for 1975, the Golf went on to become a bestseller for the company. Volkswagen generally plays it safe with its styling changes, and most of this all-new model's upgrades are under the skin.

### THE COMPETITION



**Honda Fit**  
Base price: \$14,575



**Mazda3 Sport**  
Base price: \$16,995



**Kia Forte5**  
Base price: \$19,495

### REVIEW

## Roomier 2015 model feels solid, yet light to drive

**Jil McIntosh**  
For Metro

Talk about longevity: the Volkswagen Golf is now 40 years old, and in that time, the company has made more than 30 million copies. And now, for 2015, there's a new one.

You might not even notice if you're not really familiar with it, because the styling changes are relatively minor. But it rides on a new platform, and it's slightly longer and wider for more interior space.

A two-door hatchback version starts at \$18,995, while the four-door begins at \$19,995.

A station wagon is also available. A diesel engine is offered, but this reviewer drove the turbocharged gasoline 1.8-litre four-cylinder. And there's one more choice in all three Golf trim lines: five-speed manual or six-speed automatic transmission.

No car stays around that long if it doesn't have the chops. The Golf feels solid but not heavy, and its steering is almost perfectly weighted, with

enough heft to feel in control, but still light enough that you can spin it easily into a parking space. There is virtually no lag in its peppy turbo engine, and the automatic shifts smoothly and almost imperceptibly. This car is just a joy to drive.

Don't prejudge if you initially find the seats too hard. They're not cushy, but they're extremely supportive, and unlike many softer seats, they'll stay comfortable for hours.

The car Metro took for a drive had the top Highline trim, which includes leather seats, rain-sensing wipers, twin-pane panoramic sunroof, and an auto-dimming mirror, for \$29,895. The vehicle also included an optional package of premium stereo, navigation, LED running lights, forward collision warning, and adaptive high-intensity headlamps for another \$2,195.

**No car stays around that long if it doesn't have the chops**

An issue with the Golf is that while the interior is put together very well, its plain and plastic-heavy

appearance can be at odds with the top trim's price. It's fine in the \$20,000 model, but doesn't look upscale enough at \$32,000.

That aside, 30 million fans can't be wrong. The Golf is practical, but it's also a good performer. Even if you only buy a car as a commuter, there's no reason why it can't be fun to drive, as well.

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# Cars fuelled Letterman's material

## AUTO PILOT

Mike Goetz



It's getting awfully late for The Late Show with David Letterman. In fact there is precisely one show left, and it will be broadcast tonight at 11:30 p.m. ET.

After that, TV screens will not exactly go dark on weekdays at 11:30, but for David Letterman fans, yours truly included, it will seem a little darker than usual, at least during a suitable grieving period.

Dave's first late show, Late Night with David Letterman, debuted in 1982. Since then, the talk-show host has thrown watermelons off buildings, put on a Vélocro suit and flung himself against a Vélocro wall, and crushed various things in a hydraulic press.

Letterman is also a real "car guy," and wasn't shy about showing that side of himself on the show. Check out Dave's visit to Jerry Seinfeld's Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee, to hear Dave talk cars and watch Jerry drive one of Letterman's prized vehicle possessions — a 1995

Volvo 960 Wagon stuffed with a Ford V8 racing engine.

Born and raised in Indianapolis, Ind., and a big fan of Indy-car racing, Letterman routinely invited the Indy 500 race winner on the show, and then became involved in the sport, as a co-owner of the successful Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing team.

Canadian car enthusiasts can also be proud of how Letterman brought to prominence Richard "Dick" Assman, the gas station operator from Regina, Sask. Yes, we should be so proud, of how Dave referenced him continu-

ously on the show for about a month, and seemed unable to help himself to the wordplay comedy that was possible by just saying "Assman the Gasman."

So thanks Dave, for all that late-night comedy, automotive and otherwise. Here are some entries of Dave's famous Top 10 lists that had something to do with cars and/or driving:

## Top 10 Things that Will Get You Kicked Out of Disney World

- Driving down Main Street USA

with Bambi's mother strapped to your fender

## Top 10 Summer Jobs in Hell

- Human Axle, Raymond Burr's Town Car

## Bigfoot's Top 10 Peeves

- Driver's licence photo makes him look like Gregg Allman

## Top 10 Ways to Add Excitement to a Long Car Trip

- Play connect the dots with dead bugs on windshield

## Top Ten Perks to Being

## Elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame

- Use of bullpen car for family vacations

## John Gotti's Top 10 Tax Tips

- Guys who escape from the trunk of your car may be considered business losses

## Top 10 Least

## Popular Broadway Shows

- I'm Not Going to Pay a Lot for this Muffler: A Dramatic Reading by James Earl Jones

## Top 10 Ways to Tell You're Possessed

- You don't have to use the rear-view mirror to look at the cars behind you

## Top 10 Peeves of the Ghost of Elvis

- Ghost of Leonardo Da Vinci never really thanked me for the Cadillac I gave him

## Top 10 Unsafe Toys

- Traffic Tag

## The Easter Bunny's Top 10 Pet Peeves

- Having to cross I-95

## Top 10 Ways Life would be Different if Dogs Ran the World

- All motorists must drive with their head out the car window

## Top 10 Ways American Cars Would be Different if Ralph Nader Had Never Been Born

- Strobe headlights make oncoming traffic look like an old time movie



## AUTOMOTIVE-INSPIRED LETTERMAN TOP TEN LISTS

### Top 10 Least Popular Roadside Attractions

10. Geraldo-Land
9. Arena Football Hall of Fame
8. Stump Johnson's World of Angry Animals
7. World's Largest Spit Tank
6. Catch-Your-Own Wasp Ranch
5. Recreation of Vin Scully's boyhood home
4. One-eyed Elf Dodgeball Cage
3. You-Hit-It, We-Cook-It Roadkill Grill
2. The Enhanced Mitten
1. Giant Shirtless Santa Claus

### Top 10 Rejected Model Names for Cars

10. Pontiac Cyst
9. Dodge Glove
8. Oldsmobile Beiruter
7. Nissan Spleen
6. Chevy Junta
5. Hyundai Accordion
4. Mazda Eczema 500
3. Dodge Johnson
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# Mazda Tribute has got grip

## USED VEHICLE

## Checks on 2008-2011 models include transmission

Now replaced by the Mazda CX-5, the Tribute was a Ford-based crossover model that offered up available V6 power, four-wheel drive, generous amounts of ground clearance, and a focus on capability and versatility.

Competing with machines such as the Toyota RAV-4, Honda CR-V and Subaru Forester, Tribute also offered two or four-wheel drive, and manual or automatic transmissions.

The model boasted a comfortable ride and car-like handling, despite being surprisingly capable in an off-road setting. The fully automatic 4x4 system works well in virtually any situation, too, diligently extracting traction from even slippery surfaces.

Largely, the Tribute looks like a solid used crossover SUV bet, though a few checks are advised during the test-drive.

process for peace of mind.

On a test drive of 2008-2011 models, pay special attention to the operation of the automatic transmission.

Scrutinize any model that is difficult to shift into or out of gear, and note any hard shifting, hesitation or slipping from the gearbox.

Some owners have reported having to replace transmissions under warranty. Another sign of trouble is a delay when trying to shift from reverse to drive, and vice versa. Try this several times, making note of any delay.

Check for proper operation of the power windows in both directions, as numerous reports of failed window regulators have been made in owner forums.

Note any coolant or oil leaks beneath the vehicle, especially originating from the transfer case or rear differential. If a leak is detected, a bad seal may be the culprit.

Finally, check the used Tribute for rust, especially around the lower and inner edges of the doors, tailgate and hood.

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### Features

Power seats, tinted glass, fog lamps, stability control, air conditioning, cruise control, leather-wrapped accents, steering-wheel audio controls, remote access, heated mirrors and MP3 capability for the stereo system.

### What owners like

Good performance from the factory stereo system, very pleasing performance with the 240-horsepower V6 engine, good ride quality and year-round traction on AWD models. Good outward visibility and a tough and durable feel to the Tribute's ride are also noted.

### What owners dislike

Mainly heavy fuel consumption, some cheap interior trim, and higher-than-expected levels of wind and road noise. Some owners also wish for more comfortable seats, or a manual-mode with the automatic transmission for more control of shifting.

### The verdict

Tribute seems to be well-enjoyed for its driving experience and performance, though potential transmission issues seem slightly worrisome. Seek out a good price on a model with full service records that exhibit no signs of trouble, and buy confidently.

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**The roads of Zurich, Switzerland, hosted the Volkswagen Passat self-driving car.** FLICKR: BENJAMIN STÄUDINGER

Swiss telephone firm Swisscom recently unveiled a driverless car that has been tested on the roads of Zurich, a first in the country. The Volkswagen Passat, which underwent a week of road tests earlier this month, had been equipped with sensors, computers and special software. "Swisscom is interested in the digitization of the economy," said company official Christian Petit. The

computer drives, steers and brakes the car and uses laser scanners, radar and video cameras to detect nearby vehicles and pedestrians and road users. The software is used to issue driving commands and analyse data. The project also involves Germany's AutoNOMOS Labs, which has run similar tests in Berlin. The test Passat has two people in it as a precautionary measure. AFP



## Supercharging with Tesla: TESLA

# China inspires Tesla move

## E-CARS

# Automaker to adopt new charging standards

dustry and Information Technology said in September, but gave no timing.

"Solving the charging problem is the top priority in promoting pure-electric cars," said Zhu Xiaotong, Tesla's general manager for the China region.

"Tesla will fully co-operate on the development of the national standards and construction of public charging infrastructure," he added.

infrastructure,” he added.

Despite early positive media coverage, the company has struggled in the Chinese market, building up an inventory of unsold cars and laying off staff. Tesla founder Elon Musk told the media earlier this year, “China is the only place on Earth where we have excess inventory.”

remains small for now. Electric and hybrid vehicle sales in the country reached 26,581 in the first quarter of this year, three times the number from the year-ago period, but still accounting for

iod, but still accounting for less than 1 per cent of total sales, according to the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers. AFP

## RANKINGS

## **Mazda3: coolest car in U.S.**

The Mazda3 has taken the top honour as the coolest affordable car on sale in the US at the moment, pushing the Volkswagen Golf into second place.

has published the annual list.

Kelley Blue Book defined a car as cool — and a candidate for its list — if it cost \$18,000 or less, was fun to drive and fun to own, that is, spent most of its time in the driveway rather than with a mechanic or an after-sales service department. APB



**VEHICLE NEWS MOTORCYCLE FROM TRON: LEGACY SELLS FOR \$77,000**



The Lightcycle. 2010 DISNEY PICTURES

The futuristic Lightcycle, star of the film Tron: Legacy, has recently been sold through an auction by RM Sotheby's in Fort Worth, Tex., for \$77,000. The bike is a replica of the one Garrett Hedlund, the actor who played young Sam Flynn in 2010's Tron: Legacy, rode on screen. This Lightcycle copy, built post-production for the Andrews collection, works and rides normally. It is powered

by an electric engine and operates on lithium-ion batteries. The motorcycle also boasts an internal computer that controls the throttle, and has hydraulic brakes. Several U.S. garages had built and sold replicas of the Lightcycle, but none for such a hefty price as \$77,000: the anonymous buyer eclipsed the bike's estimated \$25,000-\$40,000 selling price. AFP



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# Mustang, meet new Camaro

## COMPETITION

### Chevrolet focuses on tech, design, performance

The new Camaro is lighter, smaller, faster and built around the needs of dedicated drivers, and could easily be mistaken for a European rather than an American sports car.

Chevrolet claims that in order to deliver something special, it focused on three pillars — performance, technology and design, plus feedback from current Camaro owners.

"(They) provided direct feedback on what they loved about their car and what they wanted for the next-gen Camaro," said Al Oppenheiser, Camaro chief engineer.

"As a result, the 2016 Camaro builds on what made the current Camaro such a success with more power, more agile handling and more technology."

However, there was also another aspect at play dictating how the new Camaro would look and feel — the new Ford Mustang which itself has been redefining benchmarks.

And on paper, each new Camaro model trumps its Mustang equivalent.

"We expect it will set the new benchmark in the segment — and give a new generation of enthusiasts a

reason to fall in love with Camaro," said Oppenheiser.

The new SS model boasts a body honed by 350 hours in the wind tunnel, a 455hp, 6.2-litre V8 from a Corvette Stingray, a six-speed manual transmission, Brembo brakes and optional magnetic ride control. The most powerful SS ever built, all it shares with the outgoing model are its badges.

Still, plump for any of the new engines on offer, from the 2-litre, turbocharged four-cylinder unit to the new 3.6-litre V6, and the resulting car will offer economy (via cylinder deactivation technology), performance and agility in equal measure.

In terms of technology, the new car can be configured and customized to suit an individual owner's tastes, from throttle response to suspension set-up. However, the company has resisted the temptation to go totally digital. The dials are still analogue but are augmented by two 8-inch screens, one in the main binnacle and a second in the dashboard's centre.

"Given the level of technology and performance, the interior had to be modern and driver focused," said Ryan Vaughan, interior design manager.

"But although the interior is an all-new design, it is still instinctively recognizable as a Camaro."

The sixth-generation Camaro will go on sale in the US later this year and will be coming to European shores next year. AFP



The only thing the new Chevrolet Camaro SS has in common with the outgoing model is its badging. CHEVROLET

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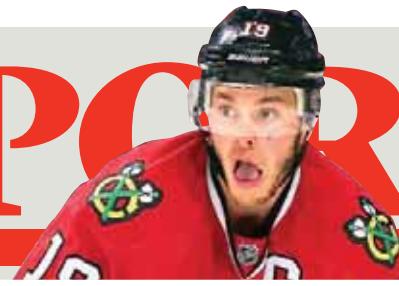


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# Nothing short of amazing

## NHL PLAYOFFS

### Top scorers proving once again that size isn't everything

The Stanley Cup playoffs can be a roller-coaster ride with climbs and drops, unpredictable twists and turns. But there's no sign that reads: "You must be this tall to ride."

If that existed, there'd be no room for Tyler Johnson of the Tampa Bay Lightning or Johnny Gaudreau of the Calgary Flames. Johnson is favourably listed at five-foot-eight and Gaudreau at five-foot-nine, yet they've been larger than life in this post-season.

Johnson, Gaudreau and even

sub-six-foot players like Patrick Kane of the Chicago Blackhawks, Sami Vatanen of the Anaheim Ducks, Brendan Gallagher of the Montreal Canadiens and Carl Hagelin of the New York Rangers are proving that the playoffs can be a small guy's game.

"You don't have to be 6-4. You don't have to be Corey Perry or Ryan Getzlaf," NHL director of hockey operations Colin Campbell said. "Talent comes in all sizes now."

With all due respect to Randy Newman, short people have plenty of reasons to live and thrive in hockey today. Stricter enforcement of penalties after the 2004-05 lockout brought more speed to the game and opened the ice for more little guys

than back when Theo Fleury broke the mould.

In 2010, 5-8 Danny Briere, then of the Philadelphia Flyers, led the playoffs in scoring. In 2011, 5-8 Martin St. Louis and 5-9 Brad Marchand of the Boston Bruins were among the leaders.

Three of the playoffs' top five scorers in these playoffs are under six feet: Johnson, Kane and Lightning winger Nikita Kucherov.

"The one thing about smaller guys, bigger players always have to play themselves off teams," Lightning coach Jon Cooper said. "Smaller players always have to play themselves on teams. As a smaller player, I believe you have to set yourself apart in some

aspect. You have to be better than

5-8

Rangers forward Martin St. Louis

everybody else."

Johnson has been precisely that with a playoff-best 11 goals and 16 points. Gaudreau led the Flames in playoff scoring to cap

off an impressive rookie season.

Size isn't on Johnson's mind, nor is being passed over in three different NHL drafts when 632 other players got picked. But the 24-year-old recognizes hockey's changing landscape.

"It's just one of those things that the smaller guys, even Marty St. Louis, kind of opened doors for the smaller guys to get into the league," Johnson said.

"You see guys growing up that have the size and kind of the pedigree and everything.

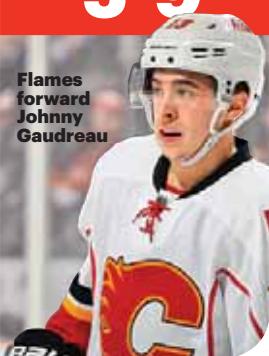
A lot of those guys aren't playing any more. I just always had to work hard."

Asked last round what stood out about Johnson, Tampa Bay teammate Jason Garrison quipped: "Other than he's short?" When he stopped smiling he explained that while Johnson may be short in stature, he's long on work ethic.

But Johnson and Gaudreau

5-9

Flames forward Johnny Gaudreau



didn't get to NHL stardom just from the chip on their shoulders about their height or even long hours on the ice. They're superbly talented, too, and that's in display in the playoff spotlight.

"You look at a Gaudreau, his hockey sense is off the charts, better than most. That's why he survives," Cooper said. "Tyler Johnson, his speed, his competitiveness. That's what sets these guys apart."

Campbell is proud of how much value is on speed and skill nowadays with coaches, general managers and scouts saying, "If you can't skate, you can't play." That's even true in the playoffs, where the physicality ramps up and defences clamp down.

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Martin St. Louis, left, could do little to stop fellow small dude Tyler Johnson in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference final on Monday night. Johnson had a hat trick in the Lightning's 6-2 win and leads playoff scoring with 16 points. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## COACHING DECISION

### Oilers get their man in McLellan

Todd McLellan said he saw something in Taylor Hall and Jordan Eberle at the recent world hockey championship.

And when he became head coach of the Edmonton Oilers on Tuesday, he pointed to the promise of those young players as a big part of his decision.

The Oilers made the announcement two days after McLellan coached Canada — including Hall and Eberle — to gold at the world championship in Prague.

McLellan appeared to be Edmonton's top target since Peter Chiarelli took over as general manager earlier this month. After the Oilers won the draft lottery for the right to select Connor McDavid, Chiarelli met with McLellan in Prague and hammered out a deal.

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Todd McLellan THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Babcock in talks with Sabres, source says

Though a deal was not completed, Detroit Red Wings coach Mike Babcock had negotiations with the Buffalo Sabres on Tuesday regarding the possibility of becoming their next head coach.

The talks took place between Babcock and Sabres general manager Tim Murray and began early in the day, a person familiar with discussions said. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity.

### Melnyk transplant a success, Senators say

Ottawa Senators owner Eugene Melnyk underwent a successful liver transplant, the team announced Tuesday night.

The Senators said Melnyk and the anonymous donor are doing well and resting comfortably at Toronto General Hospital.

Melnyk went into surgery at noon Eastern time, and the operation was completed at 8:05 p.m., the Senators said.

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## CFL

### MLSE head strikes Argos deal: Source

The Toronto Argonauts have found a new home and owner.

Two league sources confirmed Tuesday the CFL team has been sold to Bell and MLSE chairman Larry Tanenbaum. The official announcement will be made Wednesday.

The sources say the deal also includes a lease agreement for the Argos to begin play at BMO Field as early as next season. That's pending renovations needed to accommodate the CFL field but they're expected to be com-

pleted in time for the football franchise to play at the lakefront stadium in 2016.

The Argos will play this season at Rogers Centre. Their lease there is to expire after the 2017 campaign although they have the option of leaving earlier if they find a new venue.

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## RECIPE Smoked Salmon and Goat Cheese Cucumber Slices



### EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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This is a great light appetizer for your next dinner party. Try smoked trout for an alternative.

#### Ready in

Prep time: 10 minutes

#### Ingredients

- 3 oz smoked salmon
- ½ cup goat cheese
- 3 Tbsp low-fat yogurt
- 1 tsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 4 tbs chopped fresh dill
- 24 slices cucumber (¼ inch thick)

#### Directions

1. Combine the goat cheese, yogurt and lemon juice until

smooth, using a food processor or by hand.

2. Dice the smoked salmon and set aside 24 small bits for garnish. Add the remaining salmon and the dill to the yogurt-cheese mixture.
3. Divide the mixture evenly among the cucumber slices. Garnish with the reserved salmon bits.

#### Nutrition per cucumber slice (recipe serves 6)

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|-----------------------|
| • Calories 14         |
| • Protein 1 g         |
| • Carbohydrates 0 g   |
| • Fibre 0 g           |
| • Total fat 1 g       |
| • Saturated fat 0.1 g |
| • Cholesterol 4 mg    |
| • Sodium 66 mg        |
| • Fiber 0 g           |

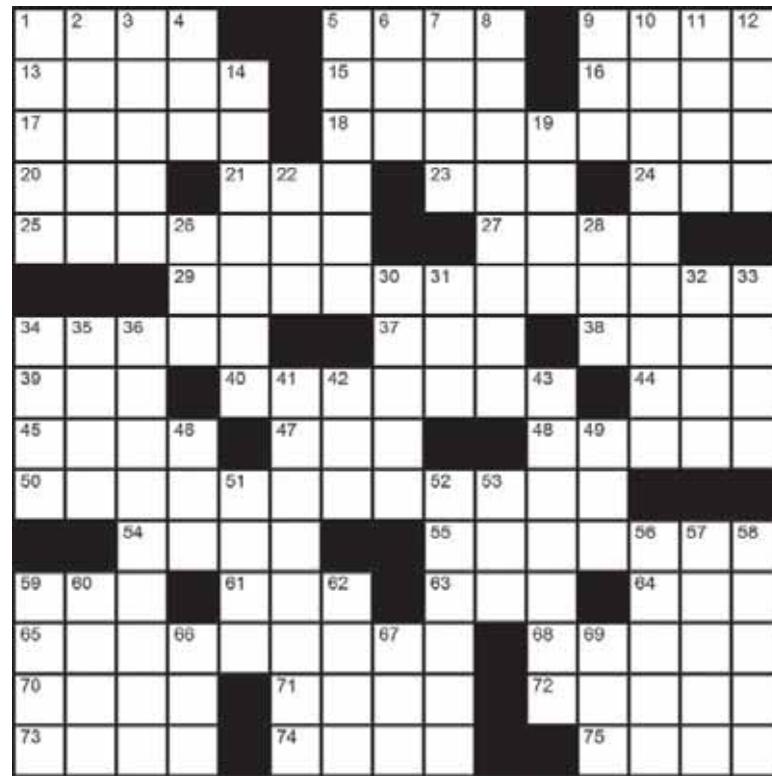
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## CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

### ACROSS

1. Earthen pot type
5. Foreboding
9. Quebec city on the Saguenay River
13. Montreal-born actress, Tara Spencer—
15. Writer, wee-ly
16. Envisioned
17. Little Richard's "Frutti"
18. Mine (Nickel mine in Sudbury)
20. "you sure?"
21. "— need to talk to you" ...said the agent to Mr. Pacino
23. Ms. West
24. Deuce
25. Ideal model
27. Alaskan city
29. "The —" (APTN show on which a panel of comedians discuss current events with host Michael Hutchinson)
34. Scrooge
37. Tokyo, once
38. Captain Hook's sidekick
39. Suffix meaning 'Sort of'
40. They speak louder than words
44. High sch. math
45. Mix
47. Promos
48. Cheryl of "Curb Your Enthusiasm"
50. Places to pick up milk, the paper, 6/49 tickets, etc.: 2 wds.
54. Norse epic
55. Northern flights provider headquar-



- tered in Thompson, Manitoba: 2 wds.
59. Unwell
61. "— Mine" by The Beatles
63. Increase
64. TV brand
65. Settlers of The New World
68. Elliptical path

70. Above
71. Behind
72. Beatles' 'Revolver' song: "For —"
73. Cozy retreat
74. Punt
75. Energy units

### DOWN

1. Available for pour-

- ing: 2 wds.
2. Ex-Pres. Bush's wife
3. Welsh goddess sharing the name of a Fleetwood Mac hit
4. Auction ware
5. Veneer
6. France's li'l locale

7. "Up and — !" (Rise and shine!)
8. Welsh goddess sharing the name of a Fleetwood Mac hit
9. Strong wood
10. Big name departing late night TV tonight
11. Feline's utter-

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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## \* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

### Aries March 21 - April 20

Can you tell fact from fiction? When confronted with two sets of figures today you must not just assume that what the experts tell you is right. Use your powers of logic to cut through the hype.

### Taurus April 21 - May 20

If there is something you have left unfinished, then get on with it today and get it out of the way once and for all. When the Sun leaves your birth sign tomorrow you will have more important things to worry about, so do it now.

### Gemini May 22 - June 21

The Sun moves into your birth sign tomorrow and if you are smart you will spend the next 12 to 24 hours tying up loose ends. After that it's all systems go.

### Cancer June 22 - July 23

You have nothing to be worried about and everything to look forward to over the next few days and you need to keep reminding yourself of that fact. The Sun's change of signs tomorrow will challenge you to always be positive.

### Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

You will be putting yourself over the next two or three days, especially on the work front where you can sense that the present confusion and chaos will give rise to new opportunities.

### Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

As the Sun crosses the career angle of your chart tomorrow the next two or three days are going to be extremely important for your ambitions. If ever there was a time to set your sights higher that time is now. Be the best.

### Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Put your worries behind you and let a big smile spread across your face. Once the Sun moves into your fellow Air sign of Gemini tomorrow there will be no holding you back — it will be love and laughs all the way.

### Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Partnerships won't be so intense as from this evening, which is good, but that does not mean you can ignore them altogether. In fact, joint financial ventures are still hugely important, so make sure you know what others are doing with your money!

### Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You are about to enter a more positive phase but that does not mean you can do as you please. The Sun's entry into your opposite sign tomorrow is a boost but it is also an invitation to

work more closely with partners.

### Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Over the next few days you will need to get a bit more serious about your work and your wellbeing. Not that there's anything to worry about but you do need to pace yourself better.

### Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

One of the best times of the year is about to begin and when the Sun changes signs tomorrow there will be no stopping you. Just remember to pause and enjoy the moment once in a while. Live in the present.

### Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

Whatever new chores and duties come your way over the next few days you can still have fun. Loved ones will go out of their way to make life enjoyable for you.

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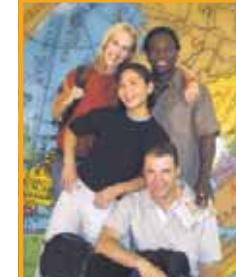
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